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FOR STATE AND AID

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SUBJ: CALL ON HIGH COMMISSIONER VITOR CRESPO

REF: (A) STATE 202198 (NOTAL) (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 794 (NOTAL)

1. AT HIS REQUEST, I CALLED ON HIGH COMMISSIONER VITOR CRESPO

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ON SEPTEMBER 16 TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF OUR OFFER OF \$25,000

FOR DISASTER RELIEF. CRESPO WAS VERY CORDIAL AND TOLD ME FOLLOWING:

(A) OUR OFFER OF DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED AND ACCEPTED. SINCE FOOD AND SUPPLIES ARE EN ROUTE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, INCLUDING PORTUGAL, OUR ASSISTANCE IS PRIMARILY NEEDED FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION. DETAILS REGARDING THIS ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY WITH DR. RUI BARRETO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. CRESPO WILL INFORM FRELIMO-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THIS HELP. I STATED WE WOULD LEAVE IT ENTIRELY UP TO NEW GOVERNMENT WHETHER AND WHEN TO PUBLICIZE OUR AID AND HE FULLY AGREED.

(B) IN HIS OPINION, THE ONLY REALISTIC SOLUTION TO DECOLONIZATION IN MOZAMBIQUE WAS, AND IS, THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO. IT IS THEREFORE CLEAR THAT LEADERS OF MOVEMENT FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE EMBARKED UPON A HOPELESS, DISASTROUS ADVENTURE.

(C) FROM HIS CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO, HE BELIEVES FRELIMO'S LEADERSHIP HAS A VERY REALISTIC OUTLOOK. FOR EXAMPLE, FRELIMO ACCEPTS FACT WHITES, BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGHER LEVEL OF EDUCATION, WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE MUCH HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING THAN MOST BLACKS FOR TIME BEING.

2. I EMPHASIZED THAT US GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS POLICY OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON DECOLONIZATION.

3. COMMENT: CRESPO APPEARED RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. WHILE HIS PERSONALITY IS SOMEWHAT PLACID, HE MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON JOURNALISTS AT PRESS CONFERENCE (REF LOURENCO MARQUES 794) BY HIS DIRECT AND FORTHRIGHT ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.
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